

OSCAR A. PALMER.

JANUARY 28, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BAKER, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 3177.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred Senate bill 3177, having considered the same, respectfully adopt the report of the Senate Committee on Pensions, and recommend the passage of the bill.

[Senate Report No. 1232, Fifty-fourth Congress, second session.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3177) granting a pension to Oscar A. Palmer, have examined the same, and report:

Oscar A. Palmer, certificate No. 439283, enlisted in Company F, One hundred and eleventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, August 15, 1862, and was discharged June 21, 1865.

Original declaration filed April 24, 1888, alleging nervous affection of head, neck, back, and shoulders, and chronic diarrhea.

Pensioned at \$6 from date of filing for chronic diarrhea and resulting piles. Nervous affection reserved.

Capt. John E. Hill testifies as follows:

"That he was well acquainted with O. A. Palmer, who was a member of said Company F, One hundred and eleventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and who is now making application for pension; that on or about the 20th day of October, 1862, in the march from Crab Orchard to Danville, Ky., the march was a hard one and the result was a prostration of the said O. A. Palmer, so that he was unable to proceed with his company; and remembers well that he was placed with other sick men in a stable then used as a company hospital, after which he joined us at Bowling Green, Ky. His health was so shattered that he was incapable for duty, and did such light duty as he was able to perform. To the best of my knowledge, the claimant was affected with nervous and rheumatic diseases."

Captain Hill also testifies to incurrance of diarrhea; private Francis B. Olds, to incurrance of nervous trouble; Enoch L. Randall, also as above; Dr. L. G. Rhodes, to continuance of nervous troubles; Dr. G. A. Yates, to continuance during 1893 and 1894. "He was not in a condition to work half of his time." There is other evidence as to the above, and the office accepts chronic diarrhea, but rejects nervous prostration because of no pensionable disability.

Claimant is a preacher of the gospel and preaches when he can, but overwork causes him to break down and he is compelled to rest.

August 27, 1890, he is rated six-eightieths for chronic diarrhea and six-eightieths for nervousness and rheumatism. March 20, 1895, he is rated six-eightieths for chronic diarrhea and three-eightieths for nervous affections and resulting rheumatism.

Your committee therefore recommend the passage of the bill.